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HOUSE BILL 17-1374

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING GRANTING CERTAIN LICENSES TO TAKE WILDLIFE TO**
102 **COLORADO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR AT LEAST TWO**
103 **YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill grants veterans of the armed forces a free lifetime small game hunting and fishing license, or any big game license the veteran qualifies for under rules of the parks and wildlife commission, if the veteran has been a resident of Colorado for at least the previous 2 years, served in the armed forces for at least 2 years, and was separated under

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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honorable conditions.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the
3 "Colorado Heroes Hunting and Fishing Act".

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-4-104, **add** (6) as
5 follows:

6 **33-4-104. Free licenses issued - members or veterans of armed**
7 **forces - when - rules.** (6) A PERSON MAY OBTAIN FROM THE DIVISION,
8 FREE OF CHARGE, A LIFETIME RESIDENT COMBINATION SMALL GAME
9 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE, OR ANY BIG GAME LICENSE THE PERSON
10 QUALIFIES FOR UNDER THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, IF THE PERSON:

11 (a) IS CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF COLORADO AND HAS BEEN A
12 RESIDENT OF COLORADO FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS; AND

13 (b) HAS SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED
14 FORCES FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS, AND EITHER:

15 (I) WAS SEPARATED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
16 UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS; OR

17 (II) IS AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
18 FORCES.

19 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
22 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.